

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF BURT ADERHOLT, HERO OF THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Burt Aderholt, a hero of our first war on terrorism in Afghanistan. Sergeant Aderholt of Auburn, AL, was wounded on January 16, 2003, during an attack on a patrol in western Afghanistan. His unit came under small-arms fire 23 miles southeast of the town of Shindand, and Sergeant Aderholt had to be evacuated to Germany and then to Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital. He has undergone a number of surgeries.

Sergeant Aderholt was born in Jacksonville, AL, where his paternal grandparents still live. His family moved to Auburn when he was 13 years old so that his father could take a teaching position at Auburn University. His maternal grandparents (the Burts) also live in Auburn.

Sergeant Aderholt's military career did not begin with the Army. Following graduation from high school, he joined the Navy and eventually began training as a Navy Seal. He was unable to complete the final round of training and returned home. Sergeant Aderholt then joined the Alabama National Guard and again moved into one of the most rigorous specialties when he joined the 20th Special Forces Unit. He has always pushed himself in the service to excel. His desire to serve his country in the armed forces is shared by his sister, Katy, who is now overseas with the Army.

I salute Staff Sergeant Burt Aderholt and individuals like him who are serving their country by fighting for freedom overseas.

CALLING ATTENTION TO THE RISKS OF HEART DISEASE FOR WOMEN

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a major health problem facing American women—heart disease.

Heart disease, is the number one killer of women in the United States, killing more than 250,000 women a year. This is 10 times as many women as those who die from breast cancer.

Heart attacks in women can often lead to other significant health problems like heart failure, stroke, and sudden cardiac death.

Poor eating habits, lack of exercise, high cholesterol and smoking are just a few of the risk factors that cause heart disease.

It is important that all women get screened and take the necessary steps to prevent this deadly disease.

We must work to encourage women in our districts to see their doctor regularly and learn healthy habits that may save them from heart disease.

HONORING LEO TOCA

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Leo Toca, a highly respected and influential Vice President of JP Morgan Chase. Today he is honored by Molloy College at its annual St. Martin de Porres Minority Scholarship Dinner Dance, for being a strong community leader. As the Community Relations Program Manager for JP Morgan Chase Leo manages programs such as the Community Advisory Board, Baseball Is for Kids and In-Kind Donation Program.

Leo has initiated many programs to improve the way of life in communities. He, along with other organizations, started the first childcare load program to help home-based childcare providers. Also, he was the first loan officer at Chase to cater to under-served communities while determining which mortgage producers were best for these communities.

In his free time, Leo maintains his community activism in a wide variety of organizations. These include the Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Long Island Housing Partnership, and the Urban League.

I congratulate Leo on receiving this honor and applaud him for his dedication to our community. I thank him on behalf of the people of not only the 4th Congressional District but the rest of Nassau and Suffolk County who benefited from his hard work and commitment.

GREG AND DIANNE FRITZ

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Greg and Dianne Fritz on the occasion of receiving Mariposa County's Businessman and Businesswoman of the Year Award. The Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce will honor Dianne and Greg on April 11, 2003 at the Best Western—Yosemite Way Station in Mariposa, California.

The Fritz Family moved to Mariposa in November of 1994 from Sacramento, California. Greg was Vice President of a Fortune 500 Construction Company and Dianne managed a Carl's Jr. Restaurant. Greg and Dianne have always been best friends, and their mutual success and friendship led them to open their

own business. They stopped at the real estate office in Mariposa and found the Happy Burger restaurant was for sale. After eating there, they purchased the restaurant and opened the doors under their new ownership on January 3, 1995. After seeking input from their customers, they began revising and expanding their menu which is now said to be one of the largest menus in the Sierras.

Dianne has been re-elected as the 2003 President of the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce. She is involved in the Clean & Proud Mariposa Committee, Mariposa Airport Steering Committee, and is working with the Board of Supervisors on the Mariposa Town Advisory Task Force. Greg is active on the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce and is also involved with Business Owners of Mariposa. They support several church and civic fundraisers, sponsor youth sports programs, and donate to area schools.

Greg and Dianne are planning to expand the menu and have recently changed their name to the Happy Burger Diner. They often hire youth so that they can experience real work ethics which will help to prepare them for their futures. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz work extremely hard, putting in a minimum of sixteen hours a day, to make their business a success.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Greg and Dianne Fritz for their outstanding dedication and devotion to their business and their community. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Greg and Dianne many years of success.

CONGRATULATING MRS. PEGGY SAVAGE DUNN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Peggy Savage Dunn on being named the 2003 Michigan Elementary Science Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Science Teachers' Association. Her commitment to instilling a passion for learning in her students serves as an example for all teachers to follow.

One of Mrs. Dunn's greatest achievements was the design and creation of an outdoor classroom at Central Elementary School in Okemos, Michigan. The project took three years to implement and involved securing multiple grants and community support. The outdoor classroom is a garden area filled with various flowers and plants that serves as habitat for several animal and insect species. All students and educators at the school have the opportunity to use the outdoor classroom to enhance their studies. It was recently distinguished with the title of a "schoolyard habitat" by the National Wildlife Foundation.

Mrs. Dunn is also committed to furthering the use of technology among her pupils. She

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maintains a class website every year. On her website, her students can find posted assignments and lessons. Furthermore, she updates the page with the class' activities and work for others to view.

Mr. Speaker, Peggy Savage Dunn's dedication to advancing science in elementary education is evident to all those around her. Earning the 2003 Michigan Elementary Science Teacher of the Year award is a well-deserved honor. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her worthy achievement and her commitment to excellence in education.

HONORING JERRY A. STANPHILL,
RECIPIENT OF 2002 GEICO PUBLIC
SERVICE AWARD FOR PHYSICAL
REHABILITATION

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jerry A. Stanphill, the recipient of the 2002 GEICO Public Service Award for Physical Rehabilitation.

The GEICO Public Service Awards were established 23 years ago to honor active and retired federal employees for their selfless and generous contributions in the fields of substance abuse prevention and treatment, fire prevention and safety, physical rehabilitation, and traffic safety and accident prevention. Mr. Stanphill was chosen as the absolute best from an outstanding field of federal employees nominated in the field of Physical Rehabilitation.

Jerry Stanphill is a physical security specialist with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), where he provides leadership and guidance to the DLA field activities on law enforcement and security issues. One of his many duties is to conduct antiterrorism vulnerability assessments for many DLA activities in order to safeguard DLA personnel, equipment and facilities. In the post 9/11 world, there is no more vital responsibility.

Not only has Mr. Stanphill achieved many career accomplishments, he has also dedicated much of his time and energy to the Special Olympics. He has served as a volunteer coach, program coordinator, referee, and chaperone with the Special Olympics in communities all over America. Fortunately, Northern Virginia is now the recipient of this man's service. Over the past 11 years he has helped coach over 400 Special Olympic athletes with the emphasis on their motto: "Let me win, but if I cannot, let me be brave in the attempt."

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to Mr. Stanphill on his 2002 GEICO Public Service Award. Northern Virginia is proud to have such a distinguished citizen in the community. Mr. Speaker, I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding this remarkable citizen.

IN HONOR OF TEDDY, A BULL
MASTIFF FROM SANTA ANA,
CALIFORNIA

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Teddy, a bull mastiff from Santa Ana, for winning Best of Breed at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City, which was held on February 10 and 11, 2003.

The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show was initiated 120 years ago to increase an interest in dogs, and thus improve the breeds. The dog show lasts 2 days and is held annually in New York City.

The competition features entries from every state and many from Canada and other countries as well. Approximately a quarter of a million dogs have been in competition at Westminster's shows.

Teddy was among 2,500 dogs that participated in this year's show.

As a pet owner and animal lover, I truly appreciate the love and joy that animals provide.

I am very proud of Teddy and owner Carol Beans for their wonderful achievement. I wish them continued success in future competitions.

HONORING EDWARD G. LLOYD

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Edward G. Lloyd, a well-respected leader in the not-for-profit organization community. Today he is honored by Molloy College at its annual St. Martin de Porres Minority Scholarship Dinner Dance for his leadership in the non-profit community.

As the senior vice president of operations and chief financial officer of the United States Fund for UNICEF (USF), Edward is responsible for all financial accounting, human resources, and all administrative support operations for the USF. He also serves on a three-person committee charged with the strategic management of the USF.

Before joining USF Edward was executive vice president and chief financial officer of the nation's largest community building organization, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC).

Although Edward is extremely busy, he still finds time to help the community in other areas. He is a board member of the United Enterprise Fund, chairman of the Business Resource Investment Service Center (BRISC), and sits on the Board of the New York Metropolitan Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

I congratulate Edward on receiving this honor and applaud his devotion to helping others. He dedicates himself to improving the lives of others and I thank him for this on behalf of the people of not only the 4th Congressional District but the best of New York who benefited from his hard work and dedication.

HONORING STATE SENATOR
CHUCK S. POOCHIGIAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize State Senator Chuck S. Poochigian on the occasion of being voted "Man of the Year" by the Armenian National Committee of Central California. The banquet honoring Senator Poochigian will be held Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Hall in Fresno, California.

Chuck Poochigian was born in Fresno, California, in 1949, as a third generation resident of the San Joaquin Valley. He received his degree in Business Administration from California State University, Fresno in 1972, and his law degree from the University of Santa Clara in 1975. Mr. Poochigian served as a member of the California Air National Guard for six years. He practiced general civil and business law from 1975 until November of 1988, at which time he was chosen, by then-Governor George Deukmejian, to serve as the Chief Deputy Appointments Secretary on the Governor's senior staff. Chuck assisted the Governor in the selection of key administration officials. In 1991, Governor Pete Wilson named Chuck as his Appointment Secretary, where he served until his election to the State Assembly in 1994.

Senator Poochigian's reputation for strong leadership and hard work was recognized by California Journal magazine, which ranked him as the Assembly Republican "Rookie of the Year" for 1996. In 2000, Chuck was chosen "Outstanding Senator" by the California State Sheriffs' Association, and received the "Legislator of the Year" Award from the California State Student Association, as well as the California Network of Educational Charters.

Senator Poochigian has received renowned recognition for his assistance in passing important public safety legislation and a transportation package which will significantly benefit local communities. His expertise in business and agriculture in California, and his belief in fair and limited taxation with minimal government regulation, have made him a beloved leader and respected member of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize State Senator Chuck S. Poochigian for his meritorious defense of the Central Valley communities of California. His standards and morals are those of a true genuine leader. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending Chuck for his service and hard work and in wishing him many years of continued success.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR.
LAWRENCE A. BASS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Lawrence A. Bass on being named the recipient of the 2003 Sparrow Founder's Award, the highest

honor given by the Sparrow Health System in Lansing, Michigan. His commitment to advancing Mid-Michigan's health care services is commendable.

Over the span of his career, Mr. Bass has occupied many impressive positions. He has served on Sparrow boards for 14 years, including 6 years as Chairman of the Board. He also sat on the Board of Directors for the American Heart Association of Mid-Michigan. Mr. Bass's negotiating skills were used to assist in the mergers of the St. Lawrence Hospital and Healthcare Services and Clinton Memorial Hospital with the Sparrow Health System.

Mr. Bass is not only an outstanding leader in his professional field, but a true servant to his community. Throughout the years, he has been a volunteer for YMCA, Ele's Place, and the Boy Scouts of America. He also provided voluntary assistance to Michigan State University and the Cities of Lansing and East Lansing in implementing their recycling programs. His contributions to Michigan's "Partners for Peace" initiative were recognized with a Legion of Merit Medal. Larry's selfless actions demonstrate his true concern for the well-being of others.

Mr. Speaker, Larry's commitment to helping his community and providing strong leadership in the health care field is evident to all around him. Receiving the 2003 Sparrow Founder's Award is a well-deserved honor. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his worthy achievement and dedication to continued service to Michigan's residents.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION OF THE MID-ATLANTIC, INC.

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 20th Anniversary of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc.

The Foundation's mission is pure and simple—to give children facing illnesses such as cancer, pediatric AIDS, and heart disease something positive to think about instead of doctors visits, medicines, or hospitals, by granting them their greatest wish. Whether a wish is to meet a sports hero or movie star, or to receive a home computer, the Foundation dedicates itself to making each child feel special.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. has served more than 3,800 children that reside in the D.C. Metropolitan Area and Delaware. The organization is one of seventy-seven chapters of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America. Thanks to the work of thousands of Northern Virginia residents, the Foundation has been able to make these children's wishes come true.

I would like to take a moment to recognize several Northern Virginia residents who serve the Foundation as Board Members. They include John Elmes, Jeffrey Gabardi, Patty Gioia, David Joubran, Nancy Kfoury, Dr. Damon Moore, Norma Ramsey, Elizabeth Reinhardt, Jay Tompkins, and Foundation

President and C.E.O. Ralph Nappi, Jr. It is the dedication of these people, along with numerous other D.C. Metropolitan residents who help to make wishes come true for these special children.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I encourage my colleagues and others to learn more about this wonderful organization. The joy and hope that the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic has brought to children for the past 20 years is a shining example of the American spirit. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the Foundation continued success and in applauding their accomplishments.

EMERGENCY WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1559) making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes;

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of this bill, specifically the provision that would provide \$3.2 billion in assistance to the Nation's airline industry. This funding is critical to the health of the industry as our Nation is at war. U.S. Airways, in particular, has a strong presence in Pennsylvania with major hubs in both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Since September 11, 2001, approximately 3,000 U.S. Airways employees have lost their jobs in the Pittsburgh region.

U.S. Airways, along with other major carriers, is seeking several remedies to deal with the current crisis within the airline industry. Among the proposed solutions are a repeal of the passenger security tax and the air carrier security fee, proposed takeover by TSA of all screening of passengers and property as provided for in the Aviation and Transportation Security Act, permanent extension of the Aviation Insurance program, and suspension of Aviation Trust Fund taxes. These are all important issues that this Congress should address.

Mr. Chairman, the health of U.S. Airways is critical to many more jobs in my district and the stability of the economy in the Pittsburgh region and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I urge my colleagues to support this provision and by doing so help insure the viability of the airline industry and save many more jobs that may be lost through no fault of the workers that keep us flying.

WE THE PEOPLE NATIONAL COMPETITION

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 2003, more than 1,200 students from across the United States will visit Washington, D.C. to

compete in the national finals of the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program, the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education by act of Congress.

I am proud to announce that Green River High School will represent the State of Wyoming in this national event. These young scholars have worked conscientiously to reach the national finals by participating at local and statewide competitions. As a result of their experience they have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

The three-day We the People national competition is modeled after Congressional hearings, consisting of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges on constitutional topics. The students are given an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge while they evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. Their testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the judges who probe the students' depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

The We the People program provides curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels. The curriculum not only enhances students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy, but also helps them identify the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Critical thinking exercises, problem-solving activities, and cooperative learning techniques help the students to become active, responsible citizens.

The Green River High School class is currently preparing for their participation in the national competition in Washington, D.C. These young people inspire me as they advocate fundamental ideals that bind us together as a nation. They are setting a positive example for their peers as well as future generations. I am very proud of these students, and wish them the best of luck at the We the People national finals.

RECOGNIZING LANCE CORPORAL PATRICK O'DAY, USMC, WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN IRAQ 24 MARCH 2003

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to Lance Corporal Patrick O'Day, USMC, who was killed in action in Iraq 24 March 2003. Corporal O'Day, 20-year-old resident of Sonoma County, California, answered his country's call and paid the ultimate price.

Corporal O'Day served as a Tank Crewman/Gunner with the 1st Tank Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division. His tank was crossing the Euphrates River northwest of Nasiriyah in Southern Iraq when it plunged off a bridge and submerged in the river. All four crewmembers perished.

Corporal O'Day was born in Scotland and moved to Sonoma County when he was three years old. He loved his adopted country and chose to serve in the Marines, enlisting immediately after graduating from Santa Rosa High School. He was drawn to the Marines because of its reputation as the toughest of the military branches and he was driven to succeed. When he developed stress fractures in his legs during boot camp, he spent six months in rehabilitation rather than accept a medical discharge.

Corporal O'Day was the eldest of four boys. His brothers looked up to him for guidance and counsel.

He met his wife, Shauna, in high school. They married last fall and their first child will be born in September.

Corporal O'Day's tragic death reminds us that however just the cause, war brings tragedy to far too many families and that any casualty is one too many.

Corporal O'Day died serving the country he loved, with comrades he loved and with the love of his wife and family in his heart. Our nation is humbled and grateful for his sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Lance Corporal Patrick O'Day, USMC, who gave his life in service to his country.

KAYLEIGH JACK, IDAHO STATE
WINNER OF GOPUSA'S YOUNG
PATRIOTS ESSAY CONTEST

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of my colleagues to a stirring essay written by a young woman from my district, Eagle High School senior Kayleigh Jack. She is this year's Idaho State winner of GOPUSA's Young Patriots Essay Contest. In describing a visit to New York City and her encounter with a homeless veteran named "Sarge" who was seeking shelter near Ground Zero, Kayleigh paints a stark picture of the visceral impact that the events of September 11, 2001, had on millions of Americans like Sarge who have sacrificed for our freedoms. More than that, her work provides a valuable and hopeful insight into the hearts and minds of young people like her. The lessons of the past truly are learned anew with each lifetime. Kayleigh's essay shows just how profound that earned wisdom can be. I am grateful for the help in understanding more clearly that there is a generation growing to adulthood that now grasps what makes America, its people, principles and institutions so great.

IDAHO STATE WINNER—KAYLEIGH C. JACK
EAGLE, ID, EAGLE HIGH SCHOOL, PUBLIC,
12TH GRADE

On a cold cement step sits a scruffy man in heavy clothing. A small American flag is propped atop his knapsack. Behind him, a fading golden hue illuminates a gaping hole in the earth where two magnificent towers once stood. For Sarge, it will be another cold night in the Big Apple.

On September 11, Americans were awakened to gleaming knives slicing through America's seemingly impenetrable national security. For older Americans, it was Pearl Harbor reawakened. For younger Americans, like me, these were new sounds, new visions—new feelings.

During a recent trip to New York City, I felt a discomfort when seeing Sarge, a homeless veteran, huddled near ground zero. I again felt that same discomfort while staring into the cold empty crevasse behind him. I later realized how much the man and the victims of September 11 had in common; all paid the price for freedom... for being Americans.

All of my life, I've sat in the comfort of my secure home and watched televised scenes from distant lands of people whose loss of liberty meant the loss of life. But, until September 11th, I've never been truly touched by these images. Now, reflecting on September 11th and remembering Sarge near ground zero, I feel threatened... and grateful.

While flying home from New York, I thought about the generosity and patriotism following September 11th. I wondered about the flag in front of my home. Was I a good American or just part of a passing national fervor? What about Sarge? Outside the VA Hospital a sign reads, The Price of Freedom is Visible Here. According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, 40% of all homeless are veterans... just like Sarge.

In appreciating what it means to be an American, my brother and I brought flowers to the Idaho State Veterans Home. Inside, experts on the topic warmly shared their views: respect the flag, constitution and one-another; be faithful; appreciate blessings and liberties as well as those who sacrificed for them; learn from the past; confront mistakes and shortcomings—regardless the discomfort.

While driving away, we passed a white-haired man pushing a walker. When he smiled and flashed a thumbs up, something said to turn back. His name was Bernard Wolff (WWII-Army). Amid falling leaves and scurrying squirrels, we shared a bench while he recounted exciting, yet tragic memories. Softly, he said, "Nothing worthwhile in life is free—especially freedom. The price is how we live it; being informed, making votes count, finding common ground, not taking anything for granted... making sacrifices." He thanked us for making his day. But really, he made ours.

I will always remember where I was on the morning of September 11th. I will always remember Sarge sitting near ground zero. I will not allow my 9/11 patriotism to become a passing fad. I will regularly visit the Veterans Home with my violin ensemble and take moments out of my life to honor those who paid the ultimate price so this nation might remain a beacon of hope for all who value freedom, justice, and liberty. It is but a small price for me, but a huge part of what it means to be an American. Conquered and oppressed are countries who forget their heroes.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PULITZER
PRIZE-WINNING CARTOONIST
BILL MAULDIN

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Bill Mauldin.

Mr. Mauldin is best known for his cartoon "Willie and Joe" which was published in Stars and Stripes and other military newspapers. His cartoon of World War II infantrymen marching their way across Europe and surviving the enemy endeared him to thousands of soldiers.

Mr. Mauldin enlisted in 1940 and was assigned as a rifleman to the 180th Infantry. It was here where he started drawing cartoons and where he received his inspiration for "Willie and Joe." Five years later he won his first Pulitzer Prize.

He later worked for the Sun Times and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, where he won his second Pulitzer Prize.

Throughout his entire life, Mr. Mauldin continued to receive praise and gratitude for his inspirational cartoons. He was not only admired by soldiers, but by his community as well for bringing laughter and comfort during difficult times.

He will truly be missed.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS EAST
MEADOW—LEVITTOWN POST NO.
709: "CLASSMATES TODAY—
NEIGHBORS TOMORROW"

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of four students from the Fourth Congressional District of New York. On April 27, the students will be honored by the Jewish War Veterans East Meadow—Levittown Post No. 709 at their annual awards ceremony.

Jewish War Veterans Post No. 709 has an innovative program, Classmates Today—Neighbors Tomorrow. It encourages local high school students to become active in community service, and in return, the program enriches many generations. Classmates Today—Neighbors Tomorrow is just one example of how the Jewish War Veterans have proven their dedication to providing a variety of services to our community.

This year, Post No. 709 has recognized the outstanding community service efforts of four students from my community. Ian Dorfman, of W.T. Clarke High School, and Stephan Schwartz, of East Meadow High School, are two of the four 2003 recipients of the Jean R. Tint Memorial Brotherhood award. Brandon Weinberg, of W.T. Clarke High School, and Jayme Feldheim, of East Meadow High School, are the two 2003 recipients of the Mike Pahl Music Award.

All of these students are most deserving of this honor and recognition. Their dedication to our community is clear and consistent. I anticipate great contributions to Long Island from each student, given the high level of community service each student has conducted during their high school years. I know I will hear about their achievements in the years to come, but in the meantime, I wish Ian, Stephan, Brandon and Jayme good luck in the future.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERTO CLEMENTE

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, the following tribute to Roberto Clemente by Mr. Mayoral

appears in English in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, No. 54, Book 11, page E674. I now submit the following Spanish version for the RECORD as well.

ROBERTO CLEMENTE
(Por Luis R. Mayoral)

Temprano una mañana en diciembre de 1987, mientras charlaba desayunando en un campo de golf en Dorado, Puerto Rico, con el golfista Chi Chi Rodríguez él dijo de *Roberto Clemente*, "Si yo fuera la mitad del hombre que él fue, diría que yo sería un hombre muy afortunado."

Lisas palabras me impactaron tan profundamente que desde entonces comencé a pensar, más que antes, en el Pirata de Pittsburgh miembro del Salón de la Fama, como un ícono inspiracional más que un jugador marcadamente dotado.

La muerte de Clemente el 31 de diciembre de 1972, causó luto pues me enfrenté a la realidad de que jamás compartiría tiempo preciado con un querido amigo en eso de "arreglar" al mundo, sabiendo que el internacional mundo del béisbol había perdido por siempre a una figura que personificaba excelencia.

Muchas personas pensaban en él como el Jackie Robinson de América Latina en la búsqueda de igualdad para los peloteros hispanos . . . pero yo siempre le vi como nuestro Joe DiMaggio, pues él nos brindaba esperanza con su toque de héroe perfecto.

Roberto fue un hombre sencillo, pero de palabras profundas que poseyó un interés genuino en la humanidad.

La última vez que le vi fue varios días antes de su inesperada muerte mientras en el Estadio Hiram Bithorn en San Juan él dirigía la colecta de bienes destinados a las víctimas de terremotos en Nicaragua.

Esa tarde, en sus ojos vi la seriedad y dedicación que tantas veces vi mientras él vestía un uniforme de béisbol.

Momentos antes de salir del estadio, me invitó a su hogar en la víspera de Año Nuevo.

Eso jamás se logró; pues en el segundo que arribó el año 1973, ya él llevaba de muerto unas dos horas cuarenta y cinco minutos en las profundidades de Océano Atlántico a una milla al norte de Puerto Rico.

Roberto vivió 38 años, 4 meses, y 13 días. Ese fue el tiempo que le tomó para convertirse en un miembro del Salón de la Fama, en una mejor persona y leyenda.

TRIBUTE TO CLARA BROSSELL CROOK

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to an extraordinary activist, volunteer and educator, Clara Brosell Crook, who recently passed away one week before her 93rd birthday.

Born in Canada in 1910, Clara immigrated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1912, and was educated at the University of Wisconsin, Lawrence University, Marquette University, and the University of New Hampshire. As the single parent of two young children during World War II, she began a varied and amazing career that included being the Director of Personnel of St. Luke's Hospital, the Associate Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Vice Dean of the Business School at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

During her 32 years as a resident of Burlingame, California, located in my congressional district, Ms. Crook was the founder of the Burlingame Senior Commission, the Emeritus Forum, and the Slippy Hippies support group. She was chair of the San Mateo County Commission on Aging, the College of San Mateo Emeritus Institute, the Burlingame Civil Service Commission, the Burlingame Senior Citizens Coordinating Council, chair of the Teamwork Ensuring Elder Support, and co-chair of the San Mateo County Alliance of Service Providers. Clara was also the gracious host of the KCSM-FM radio program "Senior Talk" and the KSOL weekly radio talk show host of TV program "Senior Focus". In addition to all of this, she was also a member of the Stanford Geriatric Advisory Committee and the San Mateo County Self-Esteem Task Force.

Mr. Speaker, Clara was a resounding voice and advocate for the senior citizens of our community and country, urging and supporting independence, self-sufficiency, and dignity for seniors. Her boundless energy for these projects, and for life itself, made her a pillar in our community. Her diligence and astounding capacity to achieve her goals resulted in her receiving numerous accolades including: Burlingame Citizen of the Year, California State Legislature's Woman of the Year, and the Lion's Club-Burlingame Citizen of the Year. Additionally, the litany of her achievements includes being the first recipient of the College of Notre Dame's Human Services Award, the Shinnyo-En USA Citizen of the Year, being selected as Woman of the Year in the 20th Assembly District, being recognized by the California State Senate, and commended by President Clinton. She has also been listed in Who's Who in American Women, Who's Who in Public Relations, 2000 Women of Achievement, and Worlds Who's Who of Women. Finally, in recognition of all these accomplishments, Clara Brosell Crook was recently inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, it is without exaggeration when I say Clara was an exceptional influence on our district. Her amazing energy and extraordinary intellect was a source of inspiration for all and definitely provided us with a better understanding of the needs of our elderly, an area far too often neglected in our national zeitgeist. Her passing has taken away one of San Mateo's favored daughters and her contributions to the betterment of our local and national community will certainly be missed.

Clara is survived by her daughter Victoria B. Zenoff of Richmond, California, her son David B. Zenoff and his wife Janet N. Hunter of San Francisco, her grandchildren Andrew Zenoff, Fay Zenoff Ginzburg and Alexandria Hunter Zenoff, and her sister Goldye Mullen of San Francisco. Mr. Speaker, my wife Annette and I are deeply grieved by Clara's passing and I urge all of my colleagues to join us in offering our most sincere condolences to her family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHLEEN GEARTY

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, one of the important activities of the Veterans

of Foreign Wars is the Voice of Democracy contest which that organization conducts for high school students. In 2003, more than 80,000 secondary school students took part. Given this, it is obviously a great honor for a young person to have won in one of the important categories.

I was therefore very pleased to be informed by Dennis Cullinan, Director of the National Legislative Service of the VFW, that Kathleen M. Gearty from the Congressional District that I represent won the 2003 broadcast scriptwriting contest. I am very pleased to have a chance to congratulate Ms. Gearty on her very significant accomplishment, and because the theme of her inspirational essay is so important, I ask that it be printed here.

FREEDOM'S OBLIGATION

(By Kathleen Gearty)

On a crisp January morning a baby girl entered the world. The cards were given, the gifts were received and a couple of months later the christening gown, a simple satin sleeveless under dress with a hand stitched cover dress and lace robe with matching bonnet, was placed on the baby and she was baptized. Although I don't know all the details I do know that someone painstakingly and lovingly hand-stitched this gown as if knowing it would be passed down and treasured by my family.

After that baby girl followed two more little girls. As the oldest had, the two after her wore the gown. This tradition has been passed down for forty years and will continue as more babies in my family are brought into the world. As the gown is passed down the obligation to preserve it, responsibility to inherit it and the love to cherish it is passed along with the garment. In a way freedom's obligations are similar to this heirloom.

The christening gown that was worn by the three sisters was then worn by the older daughter's two daughters and the youngest daughter's youngest child. While passing the gown down there was much at stake. The preparation of preserving the gown and the preparation of letting it go. The gown was kept and locked in a large cedar chest in its original box wrapped in tissue paper. Passing it on is a challenge but inheriting it is an honor. The next keeper of the beautiful gown has the responsibility of the task of preserving it, so that it may be passed on and treasured by the next proud mother and father.

As the gown was sewn together, so was our country, stitch by stitch. We fought for this freedom and the obligations that go along with it. We were all pierced by that great needle, and blood was shed but looking at the creation we have developed makes us realize that the sacrifices were worth while. The gown like our country's freedom had transformed and was no longer merely a piece of white cloth and a spool of thread but a privilege, an obligation and honor.

The gown was worn then passed on; freedom is earned and then also passed on. The baptism dress must be preserved and cherished by the holder whose children will wear it next. Freedom must also be conserved in a manner of respect and loyalty so that children can live an even better life than their parents. Both, the heirloom and freedom are similar in the respect that both have to be treasured, or the joy in possessing such beautiful treasures is gone. As an American it is an obligation to respect freedom and to care for it, for freedom is like a fragile christening gown and with one little snag of a thread it could unravel before your very eyes and be gone forever. My obligation is to ensure that whatever I do with my life involves

the preservation and the passing on of freedom just as I will honor my family obligations.

KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to reintroduce this resolution that expresses the sense of Congress regarding the awareness of and treatment for kidney disease. This resolution serves as the vehicle—to inform the American people about kidney disease—its potential causes, preventions, and medical advances. In addition, it promotes federally funded research focused on kidney disease.

The incidences of kidney disease are rising. What is even worse is that kidney disease works as “the silent killer,” in that most people with kidney damage are unaware that their kidneys are beginning to fail. African-Americans, Native Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Pacific Islanders are more at risk for the kidney disease.

End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) is a condition that causes permanent kidney failure. Over the last decade, the number of patients with ESRD has doubled to reach approximately 400,000 Americans, and has directly caused 50,000 deaths annually. This disease has affected at least 13 million people who have lost 50 percent of their kidney function without even knowing. And still, another 20 million more Americans are unknowingly at an increased risk of developing kidney disease.

Diabetes and hypertension are the number one and number two causes of kidney disease respectively. And although dialysis is a life-saving process that helps patients perform many normal activities, there is no cure for kidney disease.

Knowledge is power and we should all arm ourselves with the power to fight kidney disease as best we can. The first step in the solution is to mount a comprehensive educational effort so that we all can become familiar with kidney disease. This resolution starts that important process.

I ask all of my colleagues to support this kidney disease awareness resolution by becoming a cosponsor.

RECOGNIZING DARRELL BOWLES, II UPON RECEIVING THE “YES I CAN” AWARD

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inspirational accomplishments and remarkable example set by Darrell Bowles, II. Darrell, who was born in Knoxville, TN and raised in nearby Blaine, was recently named a Tennessee recipient of the “Yes I Can!” award, given by the Tennessee Federation Council for Exceptional Children. This award recognizes outstanding achievement by students receiving special education services. I might add that Darrell was among the top five nominees at the National level.

Born weighing only 1 pound, 7 ounces at 26 weeks, Darrell suffered blindness shortly after birth. Despite this challenge, Darrell has continually proven that with steadfast determination each of us can achieve excellence in what we set out to do.

Now in the ninth grade at the Tennessee School of the Blind and Educational Resource Center for the Visually Impaired, Darrell excels in technology and computer studies. He has become an expert in specialized technology and is an advocate for the continued advancement of new software and hardware that further enables visually impaired individuals to excel in both the academic and business community.

Beyond his technological capabilities, however, Darrell’s spirit of optimism and determination should be an example to each of us. In a recent news report, Darrell is quoted as saying that his inspiration to give his very best comes from God. He is quoted as saying, “I didn’t ask for this, but I am following His will for me.”

When speaking to people who have become discouraged or frustrated he said he likes to tell them that, “When God opens a door, its there. Go in before it closes.”

Regardless of where we are in life or what challenges we face, I believe the advice of Darrell Bowles should apply to each of us.

I also want to commend the loving family members and dedicated teachers who have supported Darrell’s efforts. I am sorry to say that Darrell’s mother has passed away, but the love she shared with him continues to be a driving force in his life.

I am proud to be Darrell’s Congressman and on behalf of this body, I want to thank Darrell for the example he continues to set for so many, and to wish him the greatest success in the future.

HONORING JAMES THOMAS

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent and fallen hero—James Thomas passed at the age of 82.

James Thomas, or better known as Jim, was a great-grandfather, grandfather, father and loving husband. Jim was a highly decorated veteran of World War II and served in the Army Air Corps as a gunner. After numerous heroic missions over the skies of Europe, Jim’s plane was shot down. This led to his capture and he was subsequently held as a Prisoner of War (POW) until Allied Forces liberated him.

Jim played an active roll in our local community and has been a role model for many around him. He was a member of several farm organizations and military associations to include: the American Ex-Prisoners of War; the American Legion; AMVETS; and the Tulare Historical Society. Jim was also an active member of the First Church of God and volunteered year after year at the World Ag Expo in Tulare.

Jim is survived by his wife, Eleanor Thomas; his children, Mike Thomas, Jannette Hill and Carol Kemp; his brothers, Raymond and George Thomas; and eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Thomas was a personal friend and mentor whom I knew my entire life. I will never forget the many lessons he taught me about war, agriculture, personal integrity and perseverance. Today, I honor this brave soldier and family man.

HONORING THE 2003 REEBOK HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS RECIPIENTS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw my colleagues’ attention to a group of incredible human rights defenders. Each year the Reebok Human Rights Award recognizes young activists who, early in their lives and against great odds, have made significant contributions to the field of human rights strictly through nonviolent means. The Award aims to generate positive international attention for the recipients and to support their efforts. Honorees receive a \$50,000 per person grant to a qualifying organization to further their work from The Reebok Human Rights Foundation. The recipients of the 2003 Award will visit Capitol Hill this week. I take this opportunity to commend Paul Fireman for creating this innovative corporate program for raising public awareness of human rights at Reebok and I congratulate the 2003 Award recipients for their remarkable accomplishments.

At a time when the world’s attention is focused on the war in Iraq, we ought not lose sight of the fact a more safe and stable world rests in our ability to promote human rights and the rule of law. Recipients of the Reebok Human Rights Award are working every day to defend fundamental rights on every continent.

Award candidates must be 30 years of age or younger and cannot advocate violence or belong to an organization that advocates violence. Award candidates must be working on an issue that directly relates to the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Women and men of all races, ethnic groups, citizenship and religions are eligible.

Each year the Reebok Human Rights Award program undertakes an extensive nomination outreach program, with over 10,000 nomination packets being sent worldwide. After all nominations are received, a team of international human rights experts and researchers begin the exhaustive task of researching and qualifying all nominees. Over the next several months, references are obtained, facts are checked, and accomplishments are verified for each and every application received. A group of finalists is presented to the Reebok Human Rights Board of Advisors, who select the Award recipients.

A total of 72 women and men from 34 countries have received the Award. These young heroes have ranged from a Cuban prisoner of conscience to a Liberian human rights monitor to an American advocate for battered women. All of them have taught us unforgettable lessons about the true nature of courage and humanity.

The recipients of the 2003 Reebok Human Rights Award are:

ERNEST GUEVARRA (PHILIPPINES)

Early on, Ernest Guevarra (age 24) knew his life’s mission was to be a doctor and to

promote human rights. As a student activist, he helped found Medical Students for Social Responsibility and spearheaded campaigns advocating for the health needs of the vulnerable and disadvantaged. When Ernest graduated, he became a volunteer doctor in Mindanao with the Medical Action Group, providing care to victims of human rights violations. One month after September 11th, Ernest was asked to join a fact-finding mission to Basilan, an area with a number of Muslim rebel groups. Government forces were aggressively arresting hundreds of Muslim suspects, and it was alleged that many of them were being tortured.

As Ernest was examining the prisoners, an armed guard threatened him with an M-16 rifle and locked him up with the detainees. Undaunted, Ernest continued his examinations and demanded that the prisoners receive proper treatment. When he was finally released, Ernest and the team pressed on into the perilous region controlled by separatist rebels to provide humanitarian assistance to a community under siege.

They soon found themselves hostages. "After hours of talking and offering sacks of rice and dried fish, we were able to negotiate a safe passage home," Ernest said. "I was happy to come out of that situation alive, but sad that people there continue to confront harsher forms of violence and abuse. And, unlike us, they do not have the option to leave."

Despite the personal risk, Ernest chose to remain in Mindanao. Several days ago, the Philippine military invaded the region where Ernest is working in search of a rebel group. Thousands of villagers have been forced to leave the area. As the only doctor in the region, Ernest is responding to the crisis, providing an emergency health response system to over 40,000 refugees.

PEDRO ANAYA (UNITED STATES)

In his early teenage years, Pedro Anaya (age 24) was more interested in gangs than he was in human rights. But some influential mentors and a school assignment helped steer him in a different direction. When asked to write about an American hero, Pedro chose Mexican American activist Cesar Chavez. Disappointed when his teacher rebuked him for writing about a "Mexican" rather than an American hero, Pedro vowed to raise awareness about Chavez. Since then, he has used Chavez's life and values as a model to inspire young people.

Pedro fights human rights abuses against Latinos of Mexican origin, the frequent target of discrimination and prejudice in the San Diego area. While still in high school, he organized a campaign to rescind the California proposition that would prevent undocumented immigrants from receiving benefits or public services. In college, Pedro brought campus groups and inner-city organizations together to support the United Farm Workers. He proved to local farm workers that by organizing, they could gain a voice, regardless of legal status or language. And he marshaled support to force growers to address health and safety problems and to replace deplorable worker encampments with proper housing.

As continuing education director for the National Conference for Community and Justice, Pedro now pursues his personal campaign to empower Latinos. He has already worked with more than a thousand young people, fostering leadership and mobilizing them to learn to combat social injustices and prejudice.

OONA CHATTERJEE (UNITED STATES)

Community organizer Oona Chatterjee (age 29) took inspiration from poet Antonio Machado who wrote, "Searcher, there is no road. We make the road by walking." Oona became an activist for social change in Bushwick, a poor and largely immigrant neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York. In 1997, she and a colleague founded Make the Road by Walking (MRBW), a unique community-based organization built on the belief that the center of leadership must be within the community itself. Since then, the organization has grown dramatically and now includes over 600 members, a member-elected board composed of low-income community residents, and a staff of twelve.

Over the past 5 years, MRBW has achieved many improvements to the lives of Bushwick residents. Members recently forced New York City to conform to federal law and provide translation services to non-English speakers in all of its food stamp, welfare, and Medicaid offices. They also forced dozens of neighborhood employers to pay more than \$100,000 in illegally withheld wages to garment workers. They have educated residents on how to prevent, detect, and treat lead poisoning. They launched GLOBE (Gays and Lesbians of Bushwick Empowered) to fight homophobia and to provide the community's first safe space for gay men and women. And, with Oona as the driving force, their Youth Power Project recently helped redirect \$53 million of New York City's budget away from the expansion of juvenile jail facilities and toward youth development projects.

MOHAMED PA-MOMO FOFANAH (SIERRA LEONE)

Mohamed Pa-Momo Fofanah (age 30) is an attorney in Sierra Leone dedicated to defending the rights of children caught in a web of poverty and unspeakable atrocities.

Sierra Leone recently emerged from a ruthless, decade-long civil war, in which tens of thousands of civilians were killed, over 100,000 were mutilated, tortured and raped, and millions were driven from their homes. Many were compelled to work as slave laborers, and children were forced to become soldiers and commit violent acts against family and neighbors. This decade of destruction has left 75% of Sierra Leone's population under the age of 25, and has decimated the country's economy and infrastructure. Extreme poverty is rampant, and an adequate juvenile justice system is nearly non-existent. As a result, children have become both victims of abuse as well as offenders—often resorting to crime just to survive.

Since receiving his law degree in 1998, Pa-Momo has worked tirelessly to defend the rights of children and to improve the treatment of juveniles in the justice system. He has worked with the Sierra Leone office of Defense for Children International, where he provides free legal advice on children's rights, represents juveniles arbitrarily arrested and detained, and takes up cases of child abuse and rape. To further strengthen his fight for the protection of children, Pa-Momo also helped create the Lawyers Centre for Legal Assistance (LAWCLA), the only organization in Sierra Leone to offer free legal services to indigent victims of human rights abuses.

CHRISTIAN MUKOSA (DEM. REP. OF CONGO)

Christian Mukosa (age 28), also an attorney, fights to expose human rights violations in the Kivu provinces of the Democratic Republic of

Congo, in one of the world's most dangerous and turbulent settings. Since 1998, the Kivu provinces have been the battleground between Congolese forces and a host of armed rebel groups. The broader war has fueled interethnic strife, resulting in civilian deaths and the punishment of groups for suspected loyalty to rival forces. Human rights defenders who try to report on the abuses are repeatedly threatened and arrested.

As a field investigator and lawyer for *Horitiers de la Justice*, Christian gathered information on abuses by meeting with victims and visiting detention centers. He also represented indigent victims at no cost, pressured local authorities to respect the law, and trained local activists to monitor human rights violations.

Christian and his colleagues responded to reports of human rights violations by confronting authorities directly with evidence. Each week, they released one-page appeals on particular cases and distributed them to local and international human rights organizations and the United Nations. They also published an annual report on human rights violations.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join these outstanding human rights defenders at a reception in their honor on Tuesday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Rayburn Foyer.

NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE AND RECONCILIATION SUPPORT ACT OF 2003, H.R. 1208

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to voice my support for H.R. 1208, the Northern Ireland Peace and Reconciliation Act of 2003. The International Fund for Ireland was established in 1985 to help bolster economic development and support programs that would foster peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the affected border areas of the Republic of Ireland. The United States has contributed more than \$386 million to the fund to help improve relations between Catholic and Protestants in Northern Ireland through the creation of jobs and cross-community business development. Over 80 percent of the fund's investment has been in disadvantaged areas offering work experiences and job training programs for disadvantaged and unemployed youth.

Since 1969, over 3200 people have died as a result of political violence in Northern Ireland, which is part of the United Kingdom. The conflict, which has its origins in the 1921 division of Ireland, has reflected a struggle between different nationalities, cultures, and religious identities. The Protestant majority in Northern Ireland defines itself as British and largely supports continued incorporation in the United Kingdom, and are called unionists. The Catholic minority considers itself Irish and many Catholics desire a united Ireland, and are referred to as nationalists.

In 1998, former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, helped broker the "Good Friday Agreement" between and among the government of Ireland, the government of the

United Kingdom, and political party leaders representing Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland.

The requested \$25 million over the next five years will go a long way to carry out the accords of the Good Friday agreement. A large part of this effort is for programs that enhance relations between communities and between the police and the communities they serve, promote human rights training for police, and promote training programs to enhance the new district partnership police boards recommended by the Patten Commission.

Successive U.S. Administrations and the U.S. Congress have seen economic development as key to fostering peace in Northern Ireland. Support for the paramilitaries has been strongest in the communities suffering the highest level of unemployment and economic deprivation; thus, many see the creation of jobs and economic opportunity as on par with working out a political solution to the conflict in Northern Ireland. Critics of U.S. assistance to the region argue that the European Union, not the United States, is the appropriate source of aid and further that private investment, rather than aid, is central to job creation. Supporters of the aid program, including many Members of Congress, see aid and investment as complementary, with aid often serving as a good catalyst for investment. Mr. Speaker, I am a strong supporter of the aid program.

Mr. Speaker, all major social and economic indicators show that Catholics in Northern Ireland are disadvantaged relative to Protestants. The most persistent area of inequality has been employment. Catholics experience rates of unemployment over twice as high as Protestants, and Catholics are more likely than Protestants to experience long-term unemployment.

The British government sees inward investment and the creation of employment opportunities, linked to its fair employment legislation, as the best antidote to Catholic unemployment. Others believe implementation of the Mac Bride Principles would provide an important remedy. Introduced in 1984, the Mac Bride Principles are nine equal opportunity/affirmative action principles, intended to promote employment options for members of underrepresented religious groups in Northern Ireland. Among other things, the Principles call for provocative religious or political emblems to be banned from the workplace; for all job openings to be publicly advertised with special recruitment efforts to attract applicants from underrepresented groups; and for adequate security at the workplace.

For years, the British and Irish governments sought a formula that would facilitate a peaceful settlement. After many ups and downs, the British and Irish governments and the eight parties participating in peace talks announced agreement on a political settlement on April 10, 1998. The agreement recognizes the consent principle, namely, change in the status of Northern Ireland can only come about with the consent of the majority of its people. Voters in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland approved the accords in referendums held on May 22. Elections to the new Assembly took place on June 25.

Mr. Speaker, the implementation of the peace agreement has been difficult. I applaud the efforts of leaders in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Northern Ireland for their efforts in

furthering peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 522) to reform the Federal deposit insurance system, and for other purposes:

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Chairman, after considerable work by Chairman OXLEY and Mr. BACHUS, the House of Representatives is once again considering legislation to reform Federal deposit insurance. This is important legislation that will have an impact on our constituents and our economy.

As I stated last year, I am concerned about the potential effects of possible FDIC actions to develop and implement risk-based assessment standards under sections 4 and 7 of the legislation. My concern is that the FDIC may give excessive weight to Federal Home Loan Bank advances in the assessment process so that insured institutions with certain amounts or percentages of such advances would be classified as more risky and, therefore, pay higher deposit insurance premiums.

My concern arises from the FDIC's report on deposit insurance reform, issued in April 2001, which indicated that, under a risk-based assessment system, the FDIC could use a sample risk "scorecard" that would result in institutions with increased amounts of FHLB advances paying higher risk-based insurance assessments.

In my opinion, the use by the FDIC of risk-based assessment authority in this way would be contrary to Congress's clear intent to broaden access to FHLB advances in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley act of 1999. In the Gramm-Leach-Bliley act, we wanted to ensure that community institutions and housing lenders would be able to obtain adequate, reasonably priced FHLB advances as a source of funds to serve the borrowing needs of their customers. Providing this source of liquidity may actually reduce risk. I would anticipate, should the FDIC place undue weight on FHLB advances for its risk-based assessment system, the agency will likewise account for the risks associated with depository institutions holding U.S. agency debt and securities.

As the principal House sponsor of the FHLB provisions in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley act, I will follow very closely the FDIC's implementation of any new risk-based assessment standards to ensure such standards do not adversely affect the prudent use or cost of advances.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 3, I had surgery to correct an injury I sus-

tained during a bicycle accident in November 2002.

As a result of this surgery, I was unable to cast my vote on the supplemental appropriations bill that the House considered on that day. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 103; I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 104; I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 105; I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 106; I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 107; and I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 108.

H. RES. 137 AND THE IMPORTANCE OF TITLE IX

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, one of our nation's most vital and successful programs for equal opportunity for women has been under review. Rod Paige, Secretary of Education, recently assembled a commission to investigate the effectiveness of title IX in the Civil Rights Act. The mandate of the "Commission on opportunity in Athletics" is to investigate ways to enforce title IX efficiently.

The Commission has concluded its investigation and issued its findings. Secretary Paige said that all of the recommendations to which the Commissioners initially agreed would be treated as "consensus" recommendations. The minority report, filed by commissioners and former Olympians Donna de Varona and Julie Foudy, strongly disagree with two specific Commission recommendations, and express serious concerns about the others.

The dissenting Commissioners strongly believe that many of the Commission's "consensus" recommendations are worded so ambiguously that they could be interpreted in such a way as to undermine equal participation opportunities and scholarship dollars for women, as well as other title IX protections. Without clarification, say these distinguished athletes, there is no true "consensus" with in the Commission.

I find it troubling, Mr. Speaker, that the minority report is not included in the Commission's report, thus excluding the serious objections raised by some during deliberation of the Commission. Secretary Paige submitted the majority report alone—without first discussing his decision with the Commission. Not surprisingly, a number of those on the panel have expressed their unease about the lack of a final meeting. They are concerned that areas of genuine consensus in the report have not been identified, and I certainly share their concerns.

I am a long time supporter of title IX and the opportunities it creates for women. I am a co-sponsor of H. Res. 137, a bipartisan resolution to maintain the integrity of title IX of the Civil Rights Act. This resolution sends the message that we are committed to protecting title IX, and that the fight to save title IX is not over.

Over 70 percent of the country supports title IX in its current form. With such overwhelming support, we must recommit to enforcing the current standards. While gender equality in athletics still does not truly exist, we have taken great strides over the first 30 years

since the enactment of title IX. Girls' high school athletic participation increased by 847 percent, and women's college athletic participation increased four fold. This progress was achieved even though two dollars are spent on men's collegiate sports programs for every dollar spent on women's collegiate sports programs.

Title IX is a basic question of equality. Equality of opportunity should not be compromised. I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 137.

HONORING LEE GILES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the end of the era for Indianapolis, with the end of the long and exciting career of an Indianapolis broadcasting giant, Lee Giles.

These are times of trial for our nation. As is our country's custom, in circumstances like these we turn our faces steadily toward television, our window on the world, watching the events of far away, days of desperation and long nights of noise on parade through our living rooms. In those hours as we celebrate the devotion and the valor of our armed forces, we celebrate again the tremendous service television does to inform and link the people.

And Lee Giles, retiring next month as News Director of WISH TV, Channel 8, in Indianapolis and central Indiana, after forty years at the station, has witnessed history's march, at home in our city and the world around. 1963, his first year of service in Indianapolis, was marked by the loss of John F. Kennedy. Then came the war in Vietnam. 1968, the year he became news director at WISH, we lost Dr. Martin Luther King, and Bobby Kennedy, too. Other tragedies and other wars, intermixed with events of excitement and celebration, followed in full flow.

Many have been the events—happy and sad—that he witnessed and helped to distill and project to our community during this full career. And, throughout those years his work has been underscored by extra service to the profession: on the Society of Professional Journalists/Jane Pauley Task Force on Mass Communication Education and the faculties of Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis and Butler University. At the same time, his life has been punctuated by professional honor: induction into The Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame and receipt of the Radio and Television News Directors Foundation's First Amendment Service Award.

Mr. Speaker, it is ever vital that we recognize, celebrate and honor those whose accomplishments are an inspiration to all. Lee Giles' long and steadfast service to broadcasting, to the vital news center of that art and to his community, has been a life of true professional distinction. Let us render Lee Giles a special salute on the occasion of his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO BOB FAUL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George Faul, a dedicated and exceptional educator and military serviceman who served the Monterey Peninsula for over four decades. George, who was always known as Bob to his friends and family, passed away March 29, 2003 at the age of 84.

Bob and I have been neighbors and friends for years. Anyone who has lived in the close-knit community of Carmel, CA, where I was raised and still live today, can speak to the feeling of community that exists there. Through his work, many advances have been made towards providing students from all backgrounds with quality education throughout Monterey County.

Bob began his educational service shortly after World War II, traveling to community colleges to help them gain accreditation. At that time, the California community college system was growing fast to meet the demands of our returned soldiers, sailors and marines, and Bob saw a chance to make a difference. It was during his time as a guidance counselor at the College of the Sequoias in Visalia that he met his wife Pat, who has also been an active community member. Pat served for many years on the board of the Monterey Airport, and was always involved in the daily life of the students and faculty at Monterey Peninsula College. As the longest-serving president of Monterey Peninsula College, Bob immediately saw a need for greater outreach to students from underserved populations and set about creating those networks.

His service in the military during World War II helped instill that sense of public service, a feeling that he carried with him his entire life. Besides being president and a member of the board of trustees for the college, Bob served on the boards of many local organizations such as the Community Foundation for Monterey County, the Monterey Museum of Art, the Monterey Jazz Festival, the Carmel Bach Festival, Circle Theater and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Faul was an exceptional person, and I am proud to be able to honor him in this way. He and his wonderful wife Pat have been outspoken and energetic community members, and I wish to express my condolences to her and their son Robert on Bob's passing.

EMERGENCY WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill. (H.R. 1559) making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes:

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. I rise in opposition to the Cunningham amendment. I am acutely aware that many of my colleagues feel that it's "pay-back" time for our ally, Turkey. But I believe that such a course would be unproductive and unwise. The relationships that exist between and among nations are, in many ways, as those which exist with our neighbors. There are times when we may take a course of action with which our friends will not agree; sometimes we may do something to anger our good neighbors and friends. But we don't run away from our friends of many years, or our neighbors who have been with us through thick and thin. Mr. Chairman, the relationships we have with our friends and neighbors are important and it is necessary that we act in ways to maintain these important relationships. Our former distinguished Secretary of State, George P. Shultz, has called this gardening. This diplomatic process is vitally important to us as a nation. Our relationship with Turkey falls within this category. America may be indispensable, but her powers are not without limits.

Mr. Chairman, Turkey is an important strategic ally of the United States. During the last 50 years, Turkey has stood shoulder to shoulder with the United States in nearly every major conflict. From the Korean war to our involvement in Bosnia, Turkey has been by our side. On March 1, Turkey demonstrated that she is a democracy, even while her actions did not please many of us in this body. While we may disagree with the outcome of the process, we must respect her democratically taken decision. Turkey is a predominantly Muslim country with a secular, democratic government. Turkey is a country that has one foot in the East and another in the West; since September 11, 2001, her importance to the United States has increased.

There are a number of important foreign policy issues that join our two countries in a unique relationship. Turkey's long border with Iraq has obvious importance in the current conflict with Iraq. Turkey's role will be important also in the peace and rebuilding stages of Iraq. During the Bosnia campaign, Turkey demonstrated her expertise in civic action as she helped rebuild needed infrastructure in that country. This country is in a position to play a key role in our efforts to rebuild Iraq.

Mr. Chairman, beyond the crises of the moment, there are other reasons that it's very important that we support this country. Turkey is with us in the war on terrorism. Turkey is playing a major role in Afghanistan, where it assumed command of the international peace-keeping force. Turkey is a key NATO member. Her geographic location provides regional security to a critical part of the alliance. Turkey is striving for European Union membership, and United States policymakers support that goal to anchor Turkey in the West. Turkey as a part of the European Union becomes an even stronger ally of the United States.

The United States has encouraged the development of Turkey's ties to Israel since 1996. Turkey and Israel have concluded important arms and water deals, and their relationship, which is based on mutual self-interest, has withstood differences over the years. It is important to note that other Muslim countries are now taking views toward Israel that are close to those of Turkey, who has led the way.

Mr. Chairman, while the issues highlighted above may not seem important at the moment, while we are in the midst of hot debate, let me reassure you, all my colleagues, that they remain very important. The Iraq crises will not be with us always. The issues that seem so distant and unimportant now will be in our face the minute the fighting in Iraq ends. Let us stand firm with our friend and ally Turkey as she has stood with the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 86 (H. Res. 160, Previous Question on the Rule for consideration of H.R. 1104, Child Abduction Prevention Act), I was unavoidably absent due to a request from the President of the United States that I travel with a Congressional Delegation to MacGill Airforce Base in Tampa, Florida. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

GIVING THANKS TO THE "MAKE-A-WISH" FOUNDATION OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, a great member of the community I represent, and an organization I am proud to call "neighbor." Today, April 7, 2003, the foundation marks its 20th anniversary. The foundation is a nonprofit organization that fulfills the wishes of children facing life-threatening illnesses to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

The foundation's mission is pure as it is simple—to give children facing illnesses such as cancer, pediatric AIDS and heart disease something positive to think about instead of doctors visits, hospitals and medicine. The Make-A-Wish Foundation fulfills each of these children's greatest wish. Whether the wish is to visit a theme park, meet a sports hero or movie star, or army soldier, the foundation works to make each child feel special.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic serves children who reside in Maryland, Washington, DC, Northern Virginia, and Dela-

ware. The foundation, which is headquartered in Kensington, MD—my hometown—also has offices in Baltimore, LaVale, Maryland, and Wilmington, Delaware.

I'd like to recognize some of my constituents who were there to help start the organization 20 years ago: Barbara Manfuso Appleby, Deborah Camalier Walker, BJ Bralower, Harry Martens III.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to report to you that the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic has fulfilled the wishes of more than 3,800 children who reside in Maryland, Washington, DC, Northern Virginia, and Delaware including more than 1,500 from Maryland—that's 75 young Marylanders a year.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with you an example of the joy Make-A-Wish Foundation brings to young citizens in need. Ryan is a young man from Silver Spring, MD, who wished for a companion—the four-legged kind. The Make-A-Wish Foundation recently fulfilled Ryan's wish for a dog.

Ryan's father reports that the Ryan's new friend, named Chi-Chi, has brought pure joy to the young boy's life. "They play together like they have known each other forever," he said.

It is my pleasure to share with the U.S. House of Representatives the accomplishments of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 9

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine transportation and border security.

SR-253

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for Special Operations Command.

SR-222

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider H.R. 145, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Ted Weiss Federal Building", S. 703, to designate the regional headquarters building for the National Park Service under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building", S. 763, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 46 Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse", S. 616, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the quantity of mercury in the environment by limiting the use of mercury fever thermometers and improving the collection and proper management of mercury, S. 515, to provide additional authority to the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency, H.R. 289, to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, S. 163, to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, S. 791, to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence, S. 156, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to reauthorize the Price-Anderson provisions, the nominations of Richard W. Moore, of Alabama, to be Inspector General, Tennessee Val-

ley Authority, Ricky Dale James, of Missouri, and Rear Adm. Nicholas Augustus Prahll, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, Richard Narcia and Herbert Guenther, both of Arizona, Bradley Udall, of Colorado, and Malcolm B. Bowekaty, of New Mexico, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, and the nomination of John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

SD-406

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider proposed legislation entitled "Foreign Relations Authorization Act", to authorize appropriations for the Department of State, and United States international broadcasting activities.

SD-419

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Homeland Security.

SD-342

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Labor.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine missile defense.

SD-192

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation.

SD-366

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the annual report for 2003 of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 754, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program.

SD-430

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 285, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, S. 558, to elevate the position Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, and S. 555, to establish the Native American Health and Wellness Foundation.

SR-485

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Transportation, Treasury and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Internal Revenue Service.

SD-124

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine United States policy with respect to the trafficking in women and children in East Asia.

SD-106

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the readiness of the military services to conduct current operations and execute contingency plans.

SR-222

3 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph LeBaron, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Gregory W. Engle, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Wayne E. Neill, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Helen R. Meagher La Lime, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, and William M. Bellamy, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya.

SD-419

4:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Reno L. Harnish, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, and Stephen M. Young, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

SD-419

APRIL 10

9 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the teaching of American history and civics in the classroom.

SD-430

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization.

SR-253

Environment and Public Works

Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine the designation of critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act.

SD-406

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Eide, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

SD-342

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 521, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to extend the terms of leases of certain restricted Indian land, S. 522, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assist

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